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TAGS: PFOR, PARM, BR

SUBJECT: NUCLEAR ISSUE - SIMONSEN VISIT

REF: (A) BRASILIA 2619, (B) BRASILIA 2585

1. WE OFFER THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS  
ON THE DEVELOPMENT REPORTED IN REF (A).

A. WE CANNOT BE SURE WHEN, HOW AND IN WHAT FORM THE  
REPORTED AUTHORIZATION WAS GIVEN BY GEISEL. FOR EXAMPLE,  
IT IS POSSIBLE THAT, CONTRARY TO EARLIER INDICATIONS,  
SIMONSEN HAS HAD THE AUTHORITY SINCE THE BEGINNING AND  
THAT THIS IS IN FACT A GOB-WIDE EFFORT (PARA 3 OF REF B).  
ON THE OTHER HAND, IT IS AT LEAST EQUALLY POSSIBLE THAT  
SIMONSEN GOT COLD FEET ABOUT HIS FREE-LANCING AND  
CONSIDERED IT NECESSARY AND PRUDENT TO OBTAIN PRESIDENTIAL  
BLESSING.

B. BECAUSE OF OUR INABILITY TO KNOW EXACTLY WHAT  
HAS HAPPENED, IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO NOTE CAREFULLY  
THE PRECISE WAY AND EVEN LANGUAGE IN WHICH SIMONSEN  
EXPRESSES HIMSELF.

C. INASMUCH AS IT IS NOW ESTABLISHED THAT THERE IS AT LEAST  
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ONE BRAZILIAN OFFICIAL -- THE PRESIDENT -- WHO KNOWS  
ABOUT BOTH THE SIMONSEN PURPOSE AND OUR "NON-DISCUSSION"  
PROPOSAL, THE ODDS ARE STRONG THAT WE WILL NOT RECEIVE  
A REPLY TO THE "NON-DISCUSSION" PROPOSAL UNTIL AFTER THE  
GOB -- AT LEAST THE PRESIDENT -- HAS HAD A READ-OUT FROM  
SIMONSEN ABOUT THE REACTIONS TO HIS INITIATIVE.

D. ALTHOUGH THE PRESIDENT'S INVOLVEMENT SUGGESTS  
THAT WE COULD USE THE SIMONSEN CHANNEL TO HIM TO PUSH FOR  
AN ANSWER TO THE "NON-DISCUSSION" PROPOSAL, WE STILL  
CONSIDER IT PRUDENT FOR US TO BE SCRUPULOUSLY CAREFUL  
NOT REPEAT NOT TO RAISE THAT PROPOSAL WITH SIMONSEN. IF,  
HOWEVER, SIMONSEN HIMSELF RAISES THE PROPOSAL OR REFERS  
KNOWLEDGEABLY TO IT, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR SECRETARY  
BLUMENTHAL TO RESPOND IN GENERAL TERMS, INDICATING AN  
AWARENESS OF THE EXISTENCE OF SOME KIND OF PROPOSAL AND  
SAYING THAT HE UNDERSTANDS THAT WE ARE INTERESTED IN  
GETTING A REPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.  
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